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1. Attached is a memorandum of ☐ visit to EDC. Comment is requested on item 2 (offer to disclose British requests).
2. COS ☐ is requested to pass the final item re Austrian records to ☐ of GRAAB.

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Subject: Visit to Berlin Document Center, 3 Nov 55, and
Conference with its Director, Walter J. Mueller, DCS.

This visit took about 2 hrs. Mr. Mueller is a resourceful, experienced man who is anxious for his organization to be as useful as possible to US agencies. The following are notes on specific items discussed:

BFV requests for traces amounted to 2,483 in Oct. 55; in connection therewith, the BFV received 1295 pp. of photostats in that month. (No request for reimbursement of expenses is made; the cost of operating PDC (except for salaries of 2 US personnel) are paid out of occupation funds. Mueller would appreciate it if we would inquire of BFV (Rafika and Eschweiler usually sign the requests) how the PDC tracing service is working out.

(intelligence)

British requests (number about 20 a month; they are always made from the British in Berlin. Mueller offered the GID-Berlin to send on confidentially the names requested by the British; GID has not replied. Mueller would be glad to extend this service to ourselves.

French trace requests are usually sent from WAST (Wehrmacht-aussenstelle), which is run by the French, and are usually buried in a number of routine WAST requests.

Information available

Embassy request re Dr. Toyka of Fed. Int. Min. was very slight. He joined NSDAP in '37, apparently no offices held; was a Regierungs-assessor at that time; in '41 was transferred to Posen (Wartheland).

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Re Heinrich Schniedder, (ex Saar Govt.)—PDC has record showing he was in Reichsinnenministerium at the same time Globke was; for Mueller this showed that S. is a Globke man.

Re Walsh, ex Min. Pres. of Saar—PDC records show he was a high Nazi official (Gauleitung). ul; name and date: "Walsh" alias, born 13 October 1900.

Prominent FDP officials in NRW: PDC records show that 5 or 6 are old SS officials (prominent): e.g. Karl Heinz BEMT, publisher, (b. 8 July 08 in Jeverstedt)/was chief of Gestapo Leitstelle in Düsseldorf, Kreis Rendsburg

Fed. Govt. claims to records: The PDC answer denying such claims, is that these are not Government (Nazi) records, but records of organizations which no longer exist and which have no successors. One of the over-all agreements with British on German records is the 1946 Bissell-Sinclair Agreement. Jurisdiction in matter belongs to USMB.—Pol. Affairs (Mr. Selby).

Mueller is concerned about the future of PDC, fears that some day an administrative decision might cut it off

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Extrinsics: While there is no other offer within a short time on August 1940, writing was received for life in this past effort was made to show that a "good" person, and one who is to be politically.

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APPENDIX